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## **Hours of Operation**

Monday-Thursday 8:00-5:00 Friday 8:00-12:30

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Chief Information Officer

**IT MISSION:** To provide and support automated systems that facilitate the flow of information within, and between departments, and to expand the reach and usefulness of technology to the Town Residents and Public School students.

## **Protect yourself against Identity Theft**

If someone has used your name or other personal information to commit a fraud, please visit  $\underline{w}$  ww.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft

for information on how to proceed and how to file an identity theft complaint. The site has links to useful information from other federal agencies, states, and consumer organizations. The information in your complaint becomes part of a secure database that law enforcement officials across the nation use to help stop identity thieves.

If you don't have access to the Internet, call 1-877-ID-THEFT, the FTC's toll-free ID Theft Hotline.

## What is Phishing?

Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal your valuable personal data, such as credit card numbers, passwords, account data, or other information. Con artists might send millions of fraudulent e-mail messages that appear to come from Web sites you trust, like your bank or credit card company, and request that you provide personal information.

## Some helpful links:

http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/email/phishing.mspx

http://www.bbbonline.org/idtheft/phishing.asp